GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri Meluri Eranna, Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, O/o Tahsildar, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1176 Dated: 06-10-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter C.No.96/DES-KUR/2020, dt.29.07.2024.
2. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter C.No.96/DES-KUR/2020, dt.08.09.2025.
3. G.O.Ms.No.361, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:06.10.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Meluri Eranna, Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, O/o Tahsildar, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for indulging in corrupt practices while discharging his duties while Surprise Check was conducted on 02.09.2020 by the ACB team, Kurnool Range, Kurnool.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure.I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures. II, III & IV).

3. Sri Meluri Eranna, Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, O/o Tahsildar, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Meluri Eranna, Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, O/o Tahsildar, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri Meluri Eranna, Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, O/o Tahsildar, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above

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or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte. Further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Meluri Eranna, Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, O/o Tahsildar, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Meluri Eranna, Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, O/o Tahsildar, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Meluri Eranna, Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, O/o Tahsildar, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Kurnool District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SO-10 SRI M. ERANNA, AGED 59 YEARS, S/O M. MURTHY, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KOTEKAL VILLAGE, YEMMIGANUR MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

That Sri M. Eranna, aged 59 Years, S/o M. Murthy worked as Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District i.e. from 10.06.2017 to 12.10.2024 has committed grave misconduct as much as. (Herein after referred as Government Servant).

Charge-1: That the Government was in a possession of an unauthorized amount of Rs.693/- during the day of Surprise Check.

Charge-2: That the Government Servant was in a possession of three key Dongles of Sri N. Venkateswarlu, Tahsildar, Smt. K. Ramadevi, Deputy Tahsildar and Smt. G. Lakshmi, Deputy Tahsildar unofficially during the Surprise Check, which amount to gross misconduct.

Thus, M. Eranna, aged 59 Years, S/o M. Murthy, the then Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District by his above-mentioned acts exhibited lack of Integrity, Devotion to duty and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and failed to ensure Integrity and thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) and 3 (2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN RESPECT OF DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.ERANNA, AGED 59 YEARS, S/O M. MURTHY, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KOTEKAL VILLAGE, YEMMIGANUR MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

That Sri M.Eranna, aged 59 Years, S/o Sri M.Murthy, the then Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District is native of Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District and joined in Government Service as Village Revenue Officer on 08.05.2008 and worked at Soganuru Village and Malkapuram Village, Yemmiganur Mandal from 09.05.2008 to 09.06.2017. Later he worked as Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District from 10.06.2017 to 12.10.2024.

He is drawing a basic pay of Rs.23,100/- (Pay Scale: Rs.17,890/- to 53,950/-). His date of birth is 06.06.1966 and he is due to retire from Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2028. (Herein after referred as Government Servant).

Facts and Evidence:

The staff of the Tahsildar Office, Yemmiganur Mandal are indulging in Corrupt practices such as collection of unauthorized and illegal amounts for doing official works from the Public who approaches to the Tahsildar Office, for various purposes such as issuance of Pattadar Pass Books, Caste Certificates, Income Certificates, Land Survey, Mutation, Copies of Adangals, ROR-IB's, Local Status Certificates, Integrated Certificates, Residence Certificates, EWS Certificates, OBC Certificates, Agriculture Income Certificates, Ration Cards, NOC's, Petitions, etc., In this regard obtained prior permission from the Superior officers and conducted the Surprise Check on 02.09.2020 in the O/o Tahsildar Office, Yemmiganur Mandal by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials in the presence of mediators. During the course of surprise check the Government Servants 1) Sri N.Venkateshwarlu, Tahsildar, 2) Smt. K. Ramadevi, Deputy Tahsildar, 3) Sri K. Raghavendra, Deputy Tahsildar (Elections), 4) Smt. G. Lakshmi, Deputy Tahsildar, Adoni 5) Smt. M. Jyothirmayi, Sr. Asst., 6) Sri S. Ramaiah, Mandal Revenue Inspector-II, 7) Sri M.Ashok, Mandal Surveyor, 8) Sri B. Srinivasulu, Jr. Asst., 9) Sri K. Ramanjaneyulu, Asst Statistical Officer, 10) Sri Meluri Eranna, VRO, Kotekal-I, 11) Sri T.Ramudu, VRO, Devibetta Village, 12) Sri T. Bala Ramudu, VRO, Daivamdinne Village, 13) Sri M. Narasanna, VRO, Kadimetla Village, 14) Sri B.T. Srinivasulu, VRO, Kotekal Village, 15) Smt. G. Varalakshmi, VRO, Kandanathi Village and Private Computer Operators, 16) Sri. D. Naresh Babu, Computer Operators 17) Sri G. Rangaswamy, 18) Sri M. Dayakar, 19) Sri M. Siva Kumar were found present in office. On physical verification of Government Servants Sri N. Venkateswarlu, Tahsildar, S. Ramaiah, Mandal Revenue Inspector, Sri B. Srinivasulu, Junior Assistant, Sri M. Eranna, Village Revenue Officer and Private Computer Operators Sri. D. Naresh Babu, Sri G. Rangaswamy, Sri M. Dayakar, Sri. M. Siva Kumar by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials cash of Rs. 1,000/-, 1,155/-, 460/-, 693/-, 911/-, 2,080/-, 3,470/- and 650/- found respectively, in total an amount of Rs.10,419/- and the same was

seized by the DSP, Anti-Corruption Bureau, during the search in the Tahsildar Office, Yemmiganur Mandal.

Then the DSP, ACB asked Tahsildar to produce the personal cash register and attendance register. On that the Tahsildar, called Smt. Rama Devi, Deputy Tahsildar and instructed to get a personal cash register and attendance register. Accordingly, Smt. Rama Devi, Deputy Tahsildar got the personal cash register, Attendance register and produced the same before the DSP, ACB, Kurnool. On perusal of the above registers, the details are as follows.

1. **Personal Cash Register**: Maintained from 01.01.2020 to 23.03.2020. At present, the register was not maintained properly.
2. **Attendance Register**: Maintained from 01.01.2020 to till date. On verification of attendance register, the staff 1) Smt. K. Rama Devi, Deputy Tahsildar. 2) Sri K. Raghavendra, Election Deputy Tahsildar, who is on deputation as Tahsildar, Nandavaram FAC vide proceedings in Rc.No. 2334/2020 Dt. 20.08.2020 of the RDO, Adoni. 4) Smt. M. Jyothirmayi, Sr. Asst., 5) Sri B. Srinivasulu, Jr. Asst., 6) Smt. G. Madhavi Sailaja, Typist cum Computer operator (Outsourcing). 7) Sri K. Vali Saheb, Office Subordinate, who is admitted in GGH, Kurnool due to Covid-19. 6) Sri T.B. Srinivasulu, night watchman, and the remaining staff are field staff i.e., 1) Sri S. Ramaiah, MRI-II, and Sri M. Ashok, Mandal surveyor is on camp are mentioned in the register. In which except Sri G. Madhavi Sailaja, Typist cum Computer Operator (Outsourcing) none were signed in the attendance register on 02.09.2020. The above registers were seized by the DSP, ACB for further action duly attested by the DSP, ACB and the mediators.

Further, at the request of DSP, ACB the Tahsildar produced the latest Nominal Roll of the regular and outsourcing employees working in the office. The same was seized by the DSP, ACB for further action duly attested by the DSP, ACB, and the mediators. On enquiry Sri D. Naresh Babu, Computer operator (outsourcing) is also present in the office, but not mentioned name in the attendance register. Further the Tahsildar stated that due to work load he had employed four Private persons namely Sri 1) Mala Rangaswamy, S/o G. Madanna, 2) Maridi Dayakar, S/o Bala Sundaram, 3) N. Lakshmanna, S/o N. Ramudu, as the above three persons are working as BLOs and 4) Maridi Siva Kumar, S/o Late M. Linga Murthy is working as assistant to Asst. Statistical Officer.

Later on, the request of DSP, ACB, the Tahsildar got produced the following records.

1. **Local Delivery Register and Postal Delivery Register 2018 Yemmiganur Mandal**: Not maintained since 2016.
2. **SC/ST cases Register**: On perusal, it is found having entries from 03.08.2011 up to 25.05.2017.
3. **Magisterial Cases (MC) Register**: On perusal, it is found having entries from 06.02.2018 to 29.08.2020.
4. **Register Post Register**: On perusal, it is found having entries from 02.01.2020 up to 02.09.2020.
5. **Lokayukta Register**: Maintained from 27.02.2020 to 21.08.2020.
6. **Land Conversion Register**: Not maintained.

7. **Tour Diary of Tahsildar & MRI**: Not maintained.
8. **Arms License Register**: Not maintained.
9. **Court Cases Register**: Maintained from 2015 to 2018. Further Court cases particulars not entered into the register.
10. **Spandana/Grievance Cell Register**: Maintained from 06.01.2020 to 27.01.2020. Further, it was not maintained properly. After the imposition of lock down due to corona pandemic Spandana program was stopped from March 2020.
11. **RTI Act Register**: Maintained

The above registers 1 to 5 and 9 to 11 were verified and handed over to the Tahsildar, Yemmiganur for further maintenance.

12. **Pass Book issue Register**: On perusal, it is found having entries from 26.10.2018 to 14.08.2020.

The pass book issues register which containing printed pages Nos.1 to 85 apart from 2 covering pages (total - 87). On verification, it is noticed that in pages No. 67 & 68, in Sl.No.15 to 30 and in Page No. 69 & 70 from Sl.No.93 to 143 the signatures of the receivers of the passbooks are not found. The said register got Xeroxed and duly attested by the mediators and DSP, ACB and also Sri N. Venkateswarlu, Tahsildar of Yemmiganur and seized by the DSP, ACB for further enquiry. The original register was handed over to the Tahsildar, Yemmiganur for further maintenance.

Later on the request of DSP, ACB, the Tahsildar got produced a Computer Generated Mee-Seva services report from 01.01.2020 to 02.09.2020 (Abstract of approved, rejected, pending request, etc.). On perusal of the same, it is found that 12,951 were approved, 170 were rejected and 70 are pending. 3 petitions are kept pending beyond SLA. On verifying Web land record from 01.01.2020 to 02.09.2020, there are 3,637 petitions were received, out of which 2,756 were accepted, 633 were rejected and 248 are under process. The above Mee-Seva services report and Web land record computer printouts were seized by the DSP, ACB duly attested by the Tahsildar, Yemmiganur in the presence of the mediators.

The Surprise Check proceedings which commenced at 12.00 hrs were concluded by 23.45 hrs on 02.09.2020.

Charge-1: That the Government was in a possession of an unauthorized amount of Rs.693/- during the day of Surprise Check.

Basis of the Charge:

Oral Evidence:

1) **Sri Goorla Mohan Rao, age 59 yrs, S/o G. Yella Naganna, Head Master, Z.P.H. School, Bijinavemula Village, Nandikotkur Mandal, Kurnool District. (Mediator-1)**
2) **Sri Bijjula Venkatrami Reddy, age 55 yrs, S/o B. Seshireddy, School Assistant, Z.P.H. School, Bijinavemula Village, Nandikotkur Mandal, Kurnool District. (Mediator-2)**

They corroborate with Sri J. Sivanarayana Swamy, the then DSP, ACB, Kurnool.

3) **Sri J. Sivanarayana Swamy, the then DSP, ACB, Kurnool Range, Kurnool**.
   He speaks to the facts of
   a) Organizing the surprise check on 02.09.2020, seizure of unaccounted cash of Rs.10,419/- during surprise check.
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   c) Search and seizure of unaccounted cash of Rs.10,419/- from possession of the Government Servants Sri N. Venkateswarlu, Tahsildar, S. Ramaiah, Mandal Revenue Inspector, Sri B. Srinivasulu, Junior Assistant, Sri M. Eranna, Village Revenue Officer and Private Computer Operators Sri. D. Naresh Babu, Sri G. Rangaswamy, Sri M. Dayakar, Sri. M. Siva Kumar.
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6) **Sri G. Imtiyaz Basha, the then Inspector of Police, ACB, Kurnool Range, Kurnool.**

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Documentary Evidence:

1. Surprise Check Proceedings, Dtd.02.09.2020: It reveals that Unaccounted Cash of Rs.693/- found in the possession of Sri M.Eranna, Village Revenue Officer.
2. Personal Cash Register: It reveals that, the Sri M.Eranna, Village Revenue Officer didn't mention his cash in this register.
3. Copy of G.O.M.S.No. 200, G.A (Ser-C) Dept., Dt. 26.03.2007: It reveals the guideline about the declaration of the Personal Cash by the Public Servants. It speak that all the employees of all departments dealing with cash including revenue collecting departments shall give a declaration of personal cash at the time of reporting for duty, if in excess of Rs.500/-.

Thus, by the above Oral and Documentary evidence the above charge is substantiated.

Charge-2: That the Government Servant was in a possession of three key Dongles of Sri N.Venkateswarlu, Tahsildar, Smt. K. Ramadevi, Deputy Tahsildar and Smt. G. Lakshmi, Deputy Tahsildar unofficially during the Surprise Check, which amount to gross misconduct.

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They corroborate with Sri J. Sivanarayana Swamy, the then DSP, ACB, Kurnool.

<u>Documentary Evidence</u>:

1. Surprise Check Proceedings, Dtd.02.09.2020: It reveals that that three digital keys (Dongles) at Meluri Earanna, VRO, Kotekal-1 and they belongs to Sri N. Venkateswarlu, Tahsildar, Yemmiganur, Smt. Ramadevi, Deputy Tahsildar and Smt. G.Lakshmi, the then Deputy Tahsildar and etc facts.

2. Letter in Rc.No.C.3718/2020, Dt. 30.09.2020 of Tahsildar, Yemmiganur.

Thus, by the above Oral and Documentary evidence the above charge is substantiated.

Thus, Sri M.Eranna, aged 59 Years, S/o Sri M.Murthy, the then Village Revenue Officer, Kotekal Village, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District by his above-mentioned acts exhibited lack of Integrity, Devotion to duty and Conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) and 3(2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant therefore may be liable for departmental action.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES

1) Sri Goorla Mohan Rao, age 59 yrs, S/o G. Yella Naganna, Head Master, Z.P.H. School, Bijinavemula Village, Nandikotkur Mandal, Kurnool District. (Mediator–1).

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6) Sri G. Imtiyaz Basha, the then Inspector of Police, ACB, Kurnool Range, Kurnool. If any witness is found to be relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Surprise Check Proceedings in connection with C.No.05/SUR-KUR/2020 Dt. 02.09.2020.
2. Personal Cash Register.
3. Copy of G.O.M.S.No. 200, G.A (Ser-C) Dept., Dt. 26.03.2007.
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